

## NINE IN MINERS TENT COLONY ARE SHOT TO DEATH

Trinidad, Col., April 21.—That nine persons in the coal miners tent colony at Ludlow, near here, were slain during yesterday's 14-hour battle between mine guards, militiamen and striking miners, was the statement made here today, by John McLennan, district president of the United Mine Workers. With Private A. Martin reported dead, this would make a total official ten known dead. In addition, McLennan said Mrs. Pearl Oly and two other women are missing and McLennan fears that they burned to death when the tent colony was burned.

McLennan's list of known dead follows: Louis Tikas, Greek strike leader; James Fyler, president of the Ludlow local of the miners' union; Chas. Costa, striker; William Snyder, Jr., 6 years old; unidentified little girl, unidentified striker, two unidentified children, one woman.

The cause of the battle is not clearly defined. Sunday afternoon the strikers played a ball game. Militiamen on duty at Ludlow were watching the game when, they allege, wives of strikers attacked them. A free-for-all fight followed.

Sunday night firing began in the hills and early Monday Lieut Linderfelt and 16 soldiers were sent to investigate. Major Hamrock asserts the strikers ambushed Linderfelt's men. This precipitated the battle.

Throughout Monday the fighting raged over an area of three square miles. The strikers entrenched behind the embankment of the Colorado & Southern Railroad. All wires out of Ludlow were cut, so badly crippling communication that it was hours before news of the battle reached the outside world.

Militia reinforcements were sent from Trinidad in the afternoon and the strikers were dislodged from their position and took refuge in a pump house. Driven from there at dusk, they retreated up a gully back of the

tent colony, which had been set on fire during the fighting.

The troops followed, sweeping the valley with machine guns. This continued until an hour before midnight, when firing ceased.

Major Hamrock is believed to have between 500 and 600 soldiers today, while the strikers probably number many more than that.

## WOMAN HELPS MAKE HISTORY



Mrs. D. C. McCann, former president of the Women's Press Club of southern California, and the Friday Morning Club, is the first woman ever appointed a member of the Los Angeles civil service commission. She is prominent in Los Angeles by virtue of her work in favor of suffrage and her interest in all forms of social welfare work.

Articles of clothing from wood fiber are being made in Europe. Material for a suit costs about 50 cents. Clothing made of this material, however, can not be washed.